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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 3982

AMEMBASSY BONN

CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS, & AEAGG-COC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, GE, UR

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF SP4 MEDLEY

REF: HONG KONG 10239 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING ANSWERS KEYED TO QUESTIONS REFTEL:

1. SPECIALIST MEDLEY WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY SOVIETS RATHER THAN EAST GERMANS. SINCE HIS DETENTION, US MISSION HAS BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN TO DEMAND MEDLEY'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE. WE DOUBT WHETHER RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR WOULD HAVE ANY MITIGATING EFFECT UPON CASE, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE SOME BEARING ON AMOUNT OF PRESSURE GDR WISHES TO EXERT ON SOVIETS.

2. SPECIALIST MEDLEY WAS DETAINED ON EAST BERLIN SIDE OF CHECKPOINT CHARLIE BY EAST GERMAN SECURITY PERSONNEL LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 10 WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CROSS BACK INTO WEST BERLIN. US MILITARY OFFICERS WERE PREVENTED FROM HAVING CONTACT WITH HIM. HE WAS LED AWAY IN CUSTODY OF SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASSURED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET EMBASSY THAT MEDLEY IS BEING WELL TREATED. OBSERVERS

REPORTED SEEING WOMAN LED AWAY FROM VICINITY OF CAR (REPORTED ALSO IN PRESS) BUT THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF DETENTION CANNOT BE VERIFIED AT THIS TIME.

3. MR. MEDLEY SHOULD CONTACT CONSUL GENERAL ROBERT K. GERMAN, TELEPHONE 819-7654, (HOME 801-6340) UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN BERLIN.

4. SINCE HIS ARREST MISSION HAS PRESSED WITHOUT SUCCESS FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO MEDLEY; WE DOUBT WHETHER FATHER WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HIM PRIOR TO HIS RELEASE.

5. FOR BONN: MEDLEY'S FATHER PLANNING TO LEAVE TODAY FOR BERLIN.

6. USCOB CONCURS.SELIGMANN

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